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## Amendments to the Claims:

(Currently Amended) An herbal soft drink comprising [[of:]] a concentrated herbal extract obtained from a mixture of two or more herbs selected from the group consisting of Sida sps., Boerhaavia diffusa, Vitis vinifera, Tinospora cordifolia and Withania somnifera, along with jaggery, a fermenting agent and carbonated water.

- (Previously Presented) The herbal soft drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
  percentage ratio of Sida sps.: Boerhaavia diffusa: Vitis vinifera: Tinospora cordifolia: Withania
  somnifera in the powdered mixture is in the range of 15 to 20: 5 to 10: 15 to 20: 5 to 10: 5 to 10.
- (Previously Presented) The herbal soft drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein the w/w ratio of the jaggery: concentrated herbal extract is in the range of 1:3 to 1:4.
- (Previously Presented) The herbal soft drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fermenting agent used is Sacromyces strain and flowers of Woodfordia fructose.
- (Previously Presented) The herbal soft drink as claimed in claim 4, wherein the percentage ratio of fermenting agent added is in the range of 4 to 16.
- (Previously Presented) The herbal soft drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein the w/w ratio of carbonated water: the mixture of the concentrated extract, jaggery, and the fermenting agent is in the range of 1:3 to 1:5.
- (Previously Presented) The herbal soft drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein the soft drink provides antioxidant, hepatoprotective, cardio-tonic, diuretic, digestive, choleretic, nervine relaxant and immuno-enhancing properties.
- (Previously Presented) The herbal soft drink as claimed in claim 1, wherein total solids content in the soft drink ranges from 30-40%.

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- (Currently Amended) A process for preparing an [[the]] herbal soft drink having antioxidant, hepatoprotective, cardio-tonic, diuretic, digestive, choleretic, nervine relaxant and immuno-enhancing properties, [[the]] said process comprising the steps of:
- (a) obtaining plant parts from two or more herbs selected from the group consisting of Sida sps., Boerhaavia diffusa, Vitis vinifera, Tinospora cordifolia and Withania somnifera;
  - (b) crushing the plant parts and mixing them to obtain a powdered mixture;
  - (c) adding water to the powdered mixture of step (b) to obtain an aqueous extract;
  - (d) concentrating the aqueous extract of step (c);
  - (e) filtering the concentrated extract of step (d);
  - (f) mixing jaggery to the filtered extract of step (e);
  - (g) adding Sacromyces strain and a fermenting agent [[agents]] to the mixture of step (f);
  - (h) fermenting the mixture of step (g) for a time period ranging between 3 to 6 days;
  - (i) filtering the fermented mixture of step (h);
  - (i) concentrating the fermented filtrate of step (i) to obtain a stock solution, and
- (k) mixing the stock solution of step (j) with carbonated water in the w/w ratio of 1:3 to 1:5 to obtain the herbal soft drink
- (Previously Presented) The process claimed in claim 10, wherein the plant parts used are selected from the group consisting of leaf, stem, root, fruits and whole plant.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The process claimed in claim 10 wherein in step (b), the percentage ratio of *Sita sps.: Boerhaavia diffusa: Vitis vinifera: Tinospora cordifolia: Withania somnifera* in the powdered mixture is in the range of 15 to 20: 5 to 10: 15 to 20: 5 to 10: 5 to 10.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The process claimed in claim 10 wherein in step (c), the w/w ratio of water added to the powdered mixture is in the range of 5:1 to 10:1.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The process claimed in claim 10 wherein in step (d), the aqueous extract is concentrated to 1/3 to 1/4 of its original volume.

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14. (Previously Presented) The process claimed in claim 10 wherein in step (f), the w/w ratio of the jaggery: filtered extract is in the range of 1:3 to 1:4.

- (Currently Amended) The process claimed in claim 10 wherein in step (g) [[(j)]], the fermenting agent used is selected from Sacromyces strain and flowers of Woodfordia fructose.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The process claimed in claim 10 wherein in step (<u>i).[[(i)]</u>], the fermented filtrate is concentrated to 4/5 to 1/5 of its original volume.